

THE CONVENTION. BILL. TO-BE.

GRAND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

SITTINGS TO BE HELD IN BELFAST AND CORK.

SECOND READING DEBATE IN THE LORDS.

In the House of Lords yesterday, the second reading of the Corn Production Bill was moved by The Duke of MARLBOROUGH, who said, "It would be impossible, in a modern democratic country, to discuss a measure which affects so many people as the corn trade."

The **SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH PROPRIETORS OF THE TIMES** has been made.

A GOOD BEGINNING TO DAY.

THE RACE TIME today in a very hot sun was more than usually good. The early stages were well run, but beyond all doubt the best running, and those of

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tion, and the Lord Mayor of Dublin returned the Convention then considered the steps to be taken for giving effect to the decision made at the meeting. The first of these was that the Convention should enter upon its principal task through a preliminary examination of such proposals as might be put forward, and which had clear merit and some measure of support in the country. It was believed that the Secretary should present such schemes to the Grand Committee in a form suitable for discussion, and that the latter should select the members, together with all documents (historical, statistical, and constitutional), needed for the consideration of the proposals at the Convention. The procedure above indicated was of such character, and involved so little extra work by the Standing Committee and the Secre-

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arrangements for the preparation and examination of draft schemes which might be made applicable to the future Government of Ireland. The Committee subsequently adjourned.

DESTROYED AREA RENTS COMMITTEE.

PROPERTY OWNERS' CLAIMS.

A meeting was held at Jury's Hotel, Dublin, yesterday for the purpose of considering action to be taken in regard to liability for rents in the destroyed areas.

Mr. Frederick Hignishbotham presided, and Mr. J. J. O'Connell, M.P., presided over the cultural labour.

LORD LANSDOWNE.

The Marquis of LANSDOWNE said it was a great relief to see the Government attempted to convince themselves that the bill was merely a temporary measure, and that after the period of years during which it was to operate they were in the least likely to revert to the condition of things which had prevailed before the war. He sometimes doubted whether the Government were sincere.

He noticed that during the debates in the House of Commons the President felt the same that he did, and he had a bill for the agricultural lands. He (Lord Lansdowne) was so far as to say that it was. It was long since that he had intended to lay out a system of reconstruction that the bill was the first step in that direction.

THE STOCK EXCHANGE.

Stock markets, says *The Times*, yesterday, but business was there was again a demand for the Half-crown Loan, and the Three-and-a-half per cent. Consols were again in the hands of the market. The Government Securities were dull. Oil Shares were quiet. The Stock Exchange closed at 10.30. The Marconi Shares rallied to 10.30. The Marconi Shares rallied to 10.30. The Marconi Shares rallied to 10.30.

GERMAN'S ARMY AMERICA.

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consideration. Government help should be such that the fishermen would be able to continue their work. The fishermen were losing through the payment of rents for property which was at present unused should the Government be able to find a way by which the fishermen could be reimbursed should pay for that. (Hear, hear.)

It was suggested that the rents were straining the fishermen, and that the Government should pay half the amount. (Hear, hear.)

It was suggested that the Government should propose paying the rents, and an Act of Parliament should be passed in such circumstances to ensure that the rents were not shared by the tenant and landlord. (Hear, hear.)

It was suggested that the Government should give a grant to the fishermen, but he did not want to see the Government give more than the minimum loss.

Mr. Thomas O'Connell, of the Fire and Property Insurance Association, said that the Government should be assisting the local Food Control Committee, the performance of which was essential for keeping the committees in touch with one another, and with the Ministry of Food.

PICKLED HERRINGS.

The Ministry of Pensions states that large quantities of Norwegian pickled herrings have been sent to the United Kingdom, and it has also arranged for the Government, which is carrying out the rationing of food, to acquire surplus catches of British herring. It is suggested that the surplus of pickled herring trade. By this arrangement British herring fishing may be as active as before the war.

It was suggested that the Government should expect that stocks of British herring, pickled and otherwise, were available for sale to the public with a very nutritious character.

WAR OFFICE AND SECRETARY OF DEFENSE INSTRUCTIONS.

Mr. Macpherson, Under Secretary of State for War, gave evidence yesterday before a committee of the House of Commons inquiring into the question of the instructions issued by the War Office that no secret instructions should be given to the public.

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... with 4 per cent. no one could complain. The resolution was carried, and a committee formed to carry out the objects of the meeting. For the 25 grant.

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HEAVY FIRING IN THE EASTERN PYRES REGION.

SUCCESSFUL RAID AT LENZ.

Heavy artillery firing is again reported from the Pyres sector. Our troops made successful raids in the region of Lenz, entered the enemy's dugouts, and took prisoners. They caused many casualties to the enemy, and damaged his defences.

GERMANS CLAIM 3,000 PRISONERS.

Yesterday's *Frankfurter Zeitung* stated that there were figures of greater intensity in the direction of the Pyres. The German press reported that they had taken 3,000 prisoners, and that they had destroyed many of the enemy's defences.

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